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OBOPUS

[] Visit []

Headquarters Action Required

None - for information and files.

1. [] was at [] from 11 May until 15 May 1954. At the time of the October 1953 OBOPUS/VALUABLE meeting in London it was agreed a visit [] on [] part would be a good thing. From the time Headquarters' approval was obtained it has been held up awaiting favorable timing. In the meanwhile the value of scheduling the visit increased as [] became more familiar with his OBOPUS liaison assignment [] and took on other jobs which brought him in close contact with the activities of other offices at this Station. Hence his visit served several purposes and enabled him to become familiar first hand with the individuals and activities of [] which he represents in London.

2. With respect to OBOPUS the desk benefited in the writer's opinion as McCloskey gave us an up-to-date picture of VALUABLE thinking and activity at their Headquarters. We were able to exchange views on attitudes toward the reorganized HINGBACH and the current situation in Rome. Perhaps more important was the fact that on 11 May and 12 May McCloskey met all the OBOPUS personnel, was briefed on most of our current activities, and learned a good deal about our normal operating routine. For example, on the 12th of May a leaflet raid was run and [] learned first hand what is entailed from the desk standpoint including packing and tying a load of OBKTEKS. The local liaison situation with VALUABLE was carefully reviewed including discussion of the recent difficulties with [] over HINGBACHY dismissals. A routine meeting with [] was held on 13 May which will be covered in the forthcoming monthly report on VALUABLE liaison.

3. If [] continues to represent [] in [] on a variety of matters, repeat visits may be scheduled. If that is the case the writer believes they will continue to be of value to this desk and looks forward to them.

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